Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
August 17, 2025 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Merciful God,
C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 876

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,
Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;
Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing,"The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELW/ACS 940

Come, Holy Spirit

Leader
Come, Ho - ly Spir-it. Come, Ho - ly
Assembly
Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.
Spir-it. Mar - a - na - tha!
Come, Ho - ly Spir-it.
Come, Lord, come.
Mar-a - na - tha! Come, Lord, come.

Text: Iona Community
Music: COME, HOLY SPIRIT (IONA), Iona Community
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

A: A reading from Jeremiah.

23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in
secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and
earth? says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies
in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" 26 How long? Will the
hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy
the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by
their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for
Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has
my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says
the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks
a rock in pieces?

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (Ps. 82:8)

P: 1 God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
C: 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
P: 3 Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
C: 4 rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
P: 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in
darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
C: 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
P: 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "
C: 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

A: A reading from Hebrews.

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when
the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho
fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did
not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in
peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,
Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith
conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of
lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made
strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to
flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured,
refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others
suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were
stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went
about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented 38 of whom the
world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and
holes in the ground.

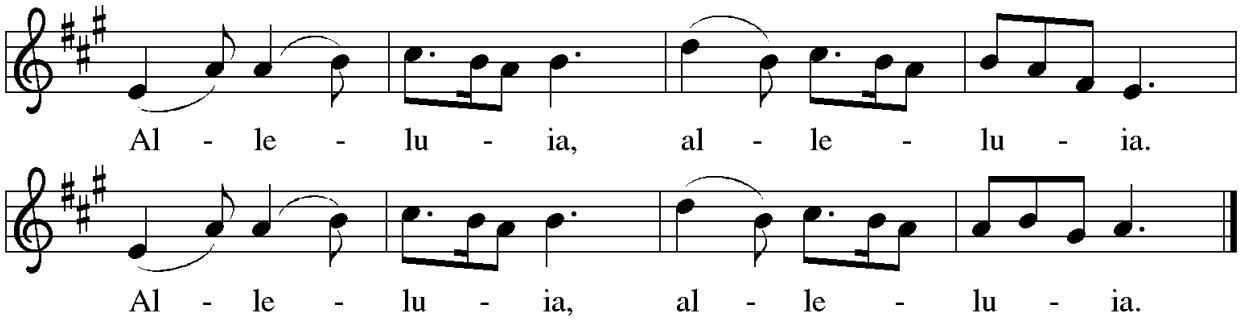
39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive
what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would
not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us
also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the pioneer and
perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne
of God.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

P: The Gospel according to Luke.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were
already ablaze! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I
am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to
the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household
will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:
father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you
immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. 55 And when you see the
south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. 56 You
hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why
do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Deacon Karen Ludwig

A special message for children.

SERMON — Deacon Karen Ludwig

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 788

"If God My Lord Be For Me"

1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;
for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.
If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;
what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.
Music: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, English melody, 16th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

A: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound especially John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, Vivian, the friends and family of Barb and of Richard. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

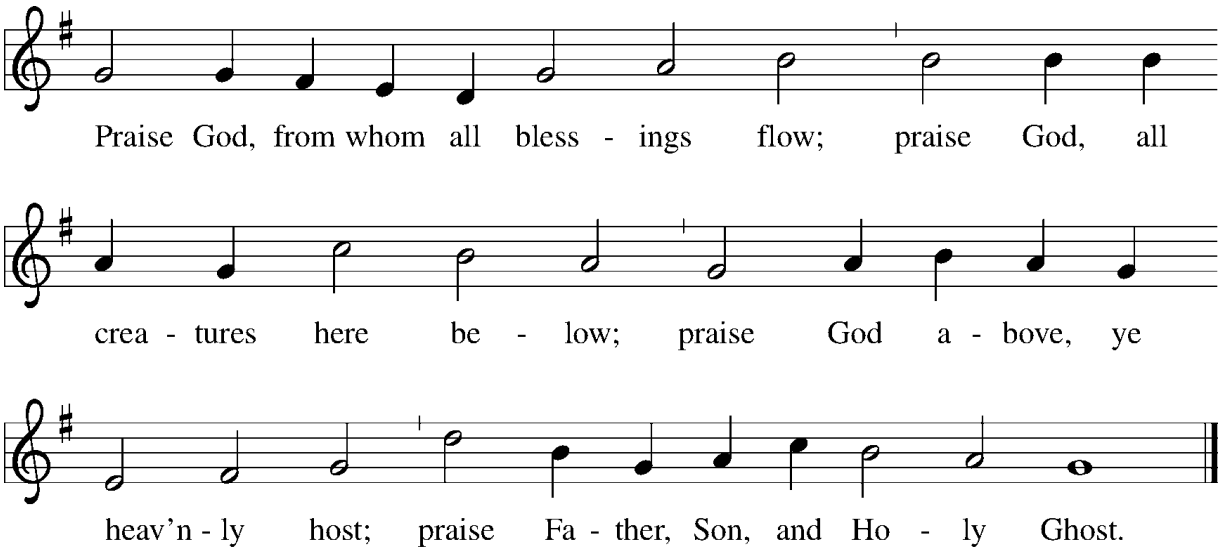
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

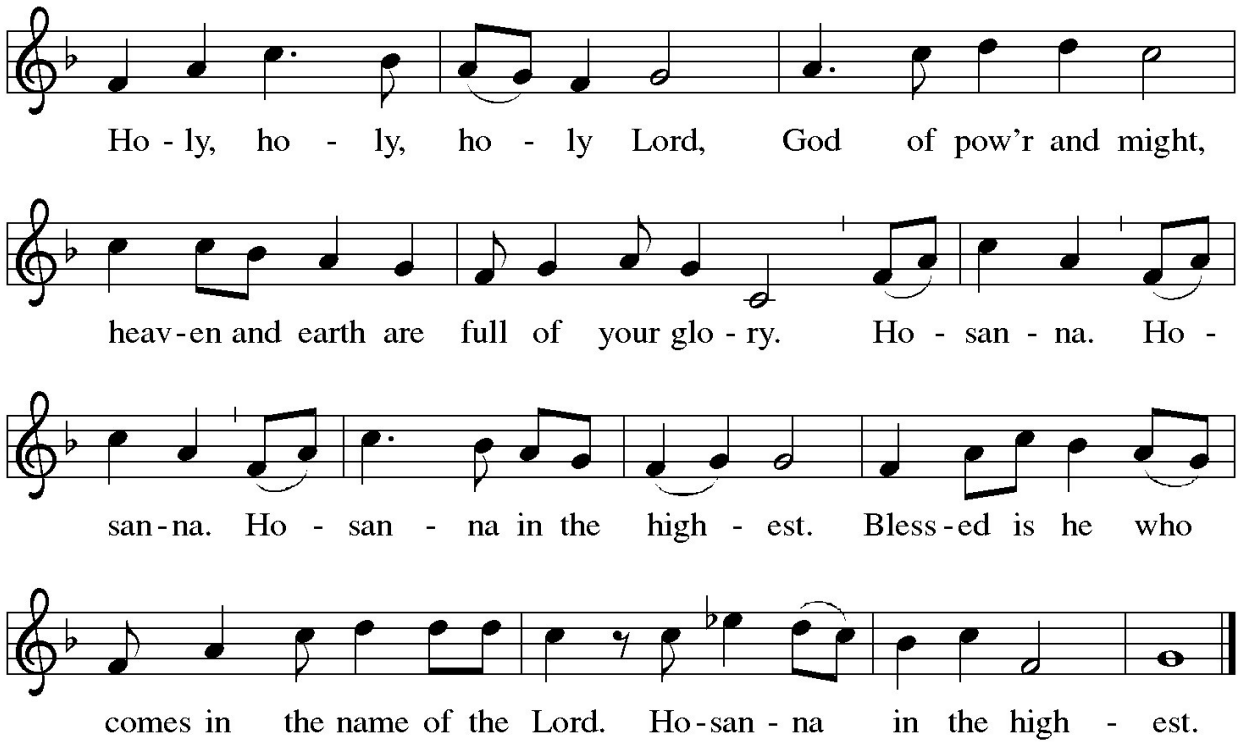
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

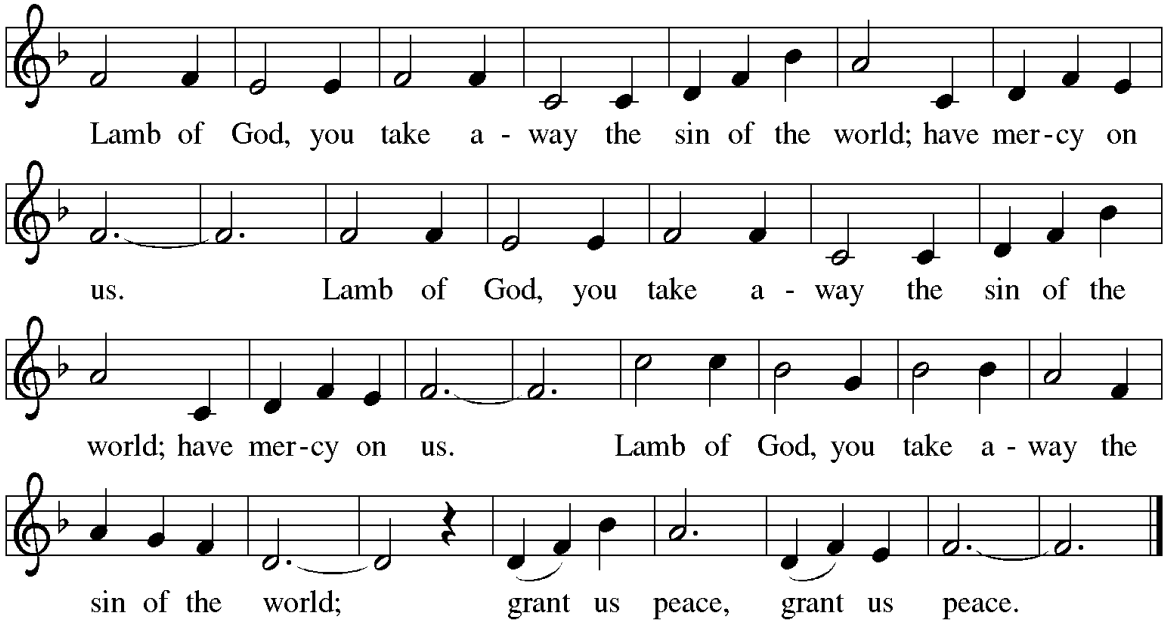
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ACS 1020

"Let My Spirit Always Sing"

1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair give no sign that you are there, God to whom my days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en - gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern how much more there is to learn, see a world be - com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change, to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

C: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

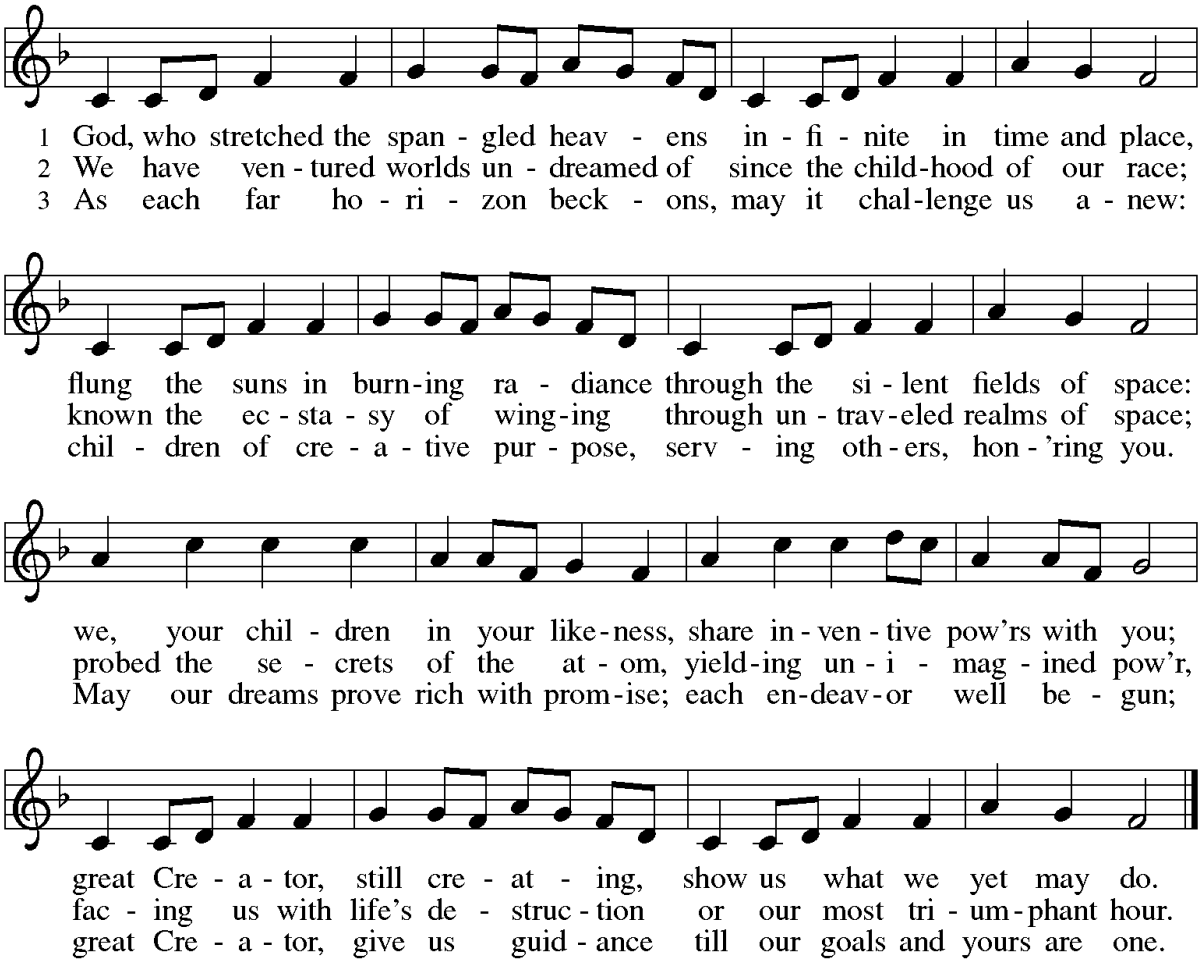
BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 771

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"


1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:
flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth-ers, hon - 'ring you.
we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;
great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um-phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (April - June) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Return of the Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the gathering area to collect school supplies. Find sales on pencils, paper, crayons, glue, whatever school supply you want to donate for all school ages. Gently used backpacks also accepted. Donations will be given to local schools. Deadline for donating is August 31! Thank you!

History in Maps:

The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine.

Scheduled for eleven 45-minute presentations, using the Lounge, and the computer projection equipment. Class will start at 11:30 AM, following church services. There will be occasional printed and digital handouts.

Let's Go Out to Eat!

Join us Tuesday, August 19th at 5pm, at Aubree's in Depot Town. This is a good time of food and fellowship. Bring a friend!

2025 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 8/10/25: 47

This past week (Aug 4 – Aug 10) we received income of: $3,444

Approved Budget: $285,719 ***Needed Weekly:*** $5,495

For the month of July we had:

- ***Receipts:*** $11,612
- ***Disbursements:*** $19,713
- ***July Balance:*** $ - 8,101
  - *Negative July balance due to:*
    - Disbursements exceed receipts.

So far this year we have:

- ***Receipts:*** $195,370
- ***Disbursements:*** $166,411
- ***YTD Balance:*** $28,959
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Investments positive change in value
    - Bequest from estate of Barb Maes
    - Many pledges being paid 100% thru July 31st, rather than spread weekly or monthly

Last year at July 31, 2024 our balance was $ 6,339. Thank you for your support.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, August 17 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 19

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Let's Go Out to Eat 5:00pm @Aubree's Depot Town

Wednesday, August 20

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, August 21

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am

Friday, August 22

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, August 24 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm
- History in Maps 11:30am
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 3-year Wedding Anniversary on August 14th.
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Vicki, Elizabeth, Cora, Gary, Vivian, the friends and family of Barb and of Richard.

Assisting Ministers Needed!
Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

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Guest Pastor..... Deacon Karen Ludwig
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister..... Peter Walline

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